Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Sir, before we go on to the business of the day, I want just to place one piece of information before the Hon'ble Members. I am just coming back from the meeting of the Port Conservancy Board. A very auspicious event happened to-day. The Steamer Croxteth Hall 4,243 tons gross came inside the Harbour and anchored just opposite the Custom House. She draws at present 18 feet at the stern and 14 feet at the prow. I think when she is fully loaded, she will draw 23 or 24 feet. She is the largest of the 17 steamers which have come in. British Cochin people were very enthusiastic, a large number of European ladies and gentlemen gathered on the Port Jetty and the whole foreshore was crowded with spectators. The event is a significant proof that our Harbour is going to be a success.. (*Hear, hear.*)

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Thank you for the information you carried to the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Don't make the wealthy richer with these sea-going vessels. They give 50 cubic ft. for a ton. Poor people at Cochin are taxed more than the Indian people are taxed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I wish to raise a point of order before we proceed with the items. There are some items in the budget to go through. We were confronted with the same situation year before last and it was decided to divide the time equally, *e. g.*, the Member for Cranganur must have some time for himself, and there is the question of Revenue Department, the Forest Department and the Agricultural Department. I would like you to divide the time equally so that at a certain time the discussion on that head will cease.

Deputy President.—That will depend upon the number of cuts. I dont' know whether it is possible to divide the time equally. We must have at least one hour for Cranganur.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I think one word of explanation is necessary. The Leader of the Party, when consulted by the President as to whether any such time-limit as is now wanted by him need be made, said it was not necessary and that the cuts could be gone through without much delay or loss of time. That is the reason why no time-limit was in the first instance made.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—With the consent of the Party, I request the President to exercise his right by allowing every mover only 5 minutes and every other speaker 3 minutes. That time-limit may be strictly followed. In the case of other Members outside our Party, the President may exercise his right. We are not moving certain cuts also. For Party cuts we may be allowed a little more time.

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